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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 6/14/04 interview summary.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1, 2, 4-15 and 29.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 28 September 2001 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date 0604.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Barry Kelmachter on June 14, 2004.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 1 (amended). A process for chemically milling a metal part comprising the steps of:

preparing a milling solution containing nitric acid, hydrofluoric acid, dissolved titanium, a wetting agent, and water;

said preparing step comprising providing said nitric acid and said hydrofluoric acid in a ratio of said nitric acid to said hydrofluoric acid in the range of from 1:1 to 2:1; thereafter,

maintaining said milling solution at a temperature in the range of from 110 to 130°F; and

immersing said metal part into said milling solution for a time sufficient to mill a desired depth on at least one surface of said part.

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Claim 4 (amended). A process according to claim [[3]] 1, wherein the ratio of said nitric acid to hydrofluoric acid is in the range of from 1:1 to 1.5:1.

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Claim 29 (amended). A process for chemically milling a metal part comprising the steps of:

preparing a milling solution containing nitric acid, hydrofluoric acid, dissolved titanium, a wetting agent, and water;

said preparing step comprising providing said nitric acid and said hydrofluoric acid in a ratio of said nitric acid to said hydrofluoric acid in the range of from 1:1 to 2:1;

said preparing step further comprising adding said surfactant in an amount such that said milling solution has a surface tension of from 30 dynes/cm² to 36 dynes/cm²; thereafter,

maintaining said milling solution at a temperature in the range of from 110 to 130°F; and

immersing said metal part into said milling solution for a time sufficient to mill a desired depth on at least one surface of said part.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Anita K Alanko whose telephone number is 571-272-1458. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon, Tues & Fri: 8:30 am-5 pm; Wed&Thurs: 10 am-2 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nadine Norton can be reached on 571-272-1465. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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